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ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PAIM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA REPEALING PALM BEACH COUNTY ORDINANCE 79-4, "GUN PERMITTING ORDINANCE"; ENACTING AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED "PALM BEACH COUNTY CONCEALED PISTOL LICENSE ORDINANCE" PROVIDING FOR THE LICENSING OF CONCEALED PISTOLS PURSUANT TO SECTION 790.06, FLORIDA STATUTES, PROVIDING FOR AN APPLICATION FORM, PROVIDING FOR THE INVESTIGATION OF AN APPLICANT FOR COMPLIANCE WITH THE CRITERIA ESTABLISHED FOR THE ISSUANCE OF A CONCEALED PISTOL LICENSE, PROVIDING FOR ADMINISTRATION BY THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR, PROVIDING FOR CRITERIA UPON WHICH THE APPROVAL OR DENIAL OF AN APPLICATION FOR A CONCEALED PISTOL LICENSE IS MADE, PROVIDING FOR ISSUANCE OF SAID LICENSE OR DENIAL OF SAID APPLICATION BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, PROVIDING FOR THE AMENDMENT OF SAID LICENSE TO INCLUDE ADDITIONAL CONCEALED PISTOLS, PROVIDING FOR THE TERM OF SAID LICENSE, PROVIDING NOTIFICATION TO EACH APPLICANT WITH RESPECT TO THE BOARD'S ACTION ON AN APPLICATION, PROVIDING FOR THE FORM OF THE LICENSE, AND PROVIDING FOR THE AUTOMATIC SUSPENSION OF SAID LICENSE UPON THE FILING OF AN INDICIMENT OR INFORMATION FOR A VIOLATION OF SECTION 790.07, FLORIDA STATUTES OR A FELONY, PROVIDING FOR THE REVOCATION OF SAID LICENSE BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS PURSUANT TO SPECIFIED CRITERIA, PROVIDING FOR THE RECOGNITION OF STATUTORY EXCEPTIONS TO SAID ORDINANCE, PROVIDING FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF SAID ORDINANCE, PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF LAWS IN CONFLICT, PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION, PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE, PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE, PROVIDING FOR THE GEOGRAPHIC APPLICABILITY OF SAID ORDINANCE.

WHEREAS, it is for the health, safety, and general welfare of the public that concealed pistols be regulated; and

WHEREAS, Florida Statutes, Section 790.06 provides for the discretionary establishment by each county commission the licensing of individuals for the carrying of concealed pistols; and

WHEREAS, said statute provides certain minimum criteria for such licensing, and permits each county commission, in its discretion, to establish by ordinance additional criteria for such licensing; and

WHEREAS, the Palm Beach Board of County Commissioners has established such licensing by Ordinance No. 79-4; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners, after thorough review, and upon the study and recommendation of staff, finds and determines that it is in the interest of the public's health, safety, and general welfare to make certain changes to said Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, certain costs are incurred by the administrative processing of applications for licenses issued hereunder;

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF PALM BEACH COUNTY, as follows:

SECTION 1

Palm Beach County Ordinance No. 79-4, "Gun Permitting Ordinance," is hereby repealed in its entirety.

SECTION 2, SHORT TITLE

This Ordinance shall be known and may be cited as the "Palm Beach County Concealed Pistol License Ordinance."

SECTION 3, PURPOSE

The purpose of this Ordinance is to establish a uniform policy and procedure for the issuance of licenses to carry a concealed pistol on the person pursuant to the authority granted to the Board of County Commissioners by Section 790.06, Florida Statutes.

SECTION 4, APPLICATION FOR LICENSE FORM

Any individual desiring a license under this Ordinance shall submit a written application to the Board of County Commissioners. Said application shall be on a form provided by, and shall be submitted through, the Office of the County Administrator. Said application shall be substantively as that form attached hereto and made a part hereof as Exhibit A relating to the applicant's eligibility to receive a license under this Ordinance, and shall include at least the following:

- A. Two photographs clearly identifying the applicant, taken within the thirty (30) days immediately preceding the date of application, and measuring approximately two inches (2") square.
- B. A \$100.00 bond payable to the Governor of the State of Florida conditioned for the proper and legitimate use of the weapon and firearm.
- C. A form provided by the Office of the County Administrator containing the applicant's fingerprints.
 - D. A notarized statement signed by the applicant stating that:
 - (1) The applicant is at least eighteen (18) years old.
 - (2) The applicant is not an unlawful user of or addicted to any controlled substances as defined in Chapter 893, Florida Statutes.
 - (3) The applicant has not been convicted of a violation of Section 790.07, Florida Statutes, or an equivalent offense under Federal or State law, unless 2 years have elapsed since the applicant has been restored to his civil rights.

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- (4) The applicant has not been adjudicated a mental incompetent or has not been committed to a mental institution as being dangerous to himself or others, unless he possesses a certificate from a medical doctor licensed in this state that he no longer suffers any disability.
- E. Personal data including, the applicant's legal name, aliases and nicknames, maiden name, date of birth, height, gender, place of birth, citizenship information, race, color of hair, and color of eyes.
- F. A certificate issued not more than sixty (60) days after the date of application filing stating that the applicant has successfully completed a pistol safety course, including a range test, taught by a Certified National Rifle Association Instructor provided, however, that this requirement shall not apply to:
- (1) individuals who have possessed for a period of two (2) years or more a valid license issued pursuant to this Ordinance or Ordinance No. 74-16, 75-16, or 79-4 where no suspension or revocation has been effected regarding such license
- (2) past sheriffs, marshals, prison or jail wardens, policemen, Florida highway patrolmen, game wardens, revenue officers, forest officials, special officers appointed under the provisions of Chapter 354, Florida Statutes, and other peace and law enforcement officers, their deputies and assistants, and peace officers of other states and of the Federal Government,
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 (3) past members of the Militia, National Guard, Florida
 State Guard, Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, the
 organized reserves, and other armed forces of the state and the United
 States trained in the use of firearms and who received an honorable
 discharge.
- G. A non-refundable fee of Seventy-five Dollars (\$75.00)—(Forty Dollars (\$40.00) for an application for renewal for which a license granted hereunder has not lapsed) payable to Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners. Said fee shall be applied toward the cost of administering the application and this Ordinance. Said fee shall be exclusive of any fees or charges of any state or federal criminal investigative agency performing any investigation pursuant to this Ordinance.

SECTION 5. INVESTIGATION AND ADMINISTRATION.

A. The Office of the County Administrator shall cause to be conducted a local and national records check and field investigation with regard to all applicants to assist the Board of County Commissioners in determining whether the applicant meets the license requirements established in this Ordinance.

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B. The Office of the County Administrator shall collect and record in the applicant's file any reports, documents, or other material which any investigation reveals and which is pertinent to the criteria established in this Ordinance for the issuance of licenses.

SECTION 6. CRITERIA FOR ISSUANCE OF A LICENSE.

No license to carry a concealed handgun shall be issued to any applicant unless the Board of County Commissioners of Palm Beach County is satisfied that the applicant has affirmatively established by all of the evidence presented within the application and the materials in support thereof that the applicant is:

- A. At least eighteen (18) years old.
- The applicant is not an unlawful user of or addicted to any controlled substance as defined in Chapter 893, Florida Statutes.
- The applicant has not plead guilty or been convicted of a felony, or a violation of Section 790.07, Florida Statutes, or an equivalent offense under Federal or State law; unless two years have elapsed since the applicant has been restored to his civil rights.
- The applicant has not been adjudicated a mental incompetent, has not been committed either voluntarily or involuntarily to a mental institution, or participated in, either voluntarily or involuntarily, an alcohol or drug rehabilitation program, unless he possesses certificate from a medical doctor licensed in this State that he no longer suffers any disability.
- Applicant has submitted a sworn statement indicating that applicant has complied with all criteria and procedures established by this Ordinance and Section 790.06, Florida Statutes, and the documents in support of the application demonstrate compliance with all the terms of this Ordinance and Section 790.06, Florida Statutes.
- F. The applicant has affirmatively established that applicant is of good moral character. Good moral character is defined broadly to indicate elements of simple honesty, fairness, respect of rights of others, and respect of the laws of the United States, the State of Florida, and other states and nations where they have been present and/or done business.

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G. The successful completion, as certified, of the course set forth in Section 4 F. herein, except as otherwise exempted.

SECTION 7. BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO ISSUE LICENSES.

The application and the accompanying evidence shall be presented to the Board of County Commissioners prior to the regularly scheduled Board of County Commissioners meeting in which they consider the application. The Board shall make the final determination concerning the qualifications of the applicant pursuant to this Ordinance and Section 790.06, Florida Statutes. The Board reserves the right to request or cause to be conducted any additional investigation regarding whether, and to what extent, an applicant fulfills any of the criteria set forth in this Ordinance.

Licenses shall only be issued to those applicants meeting the requirements of this Ordinance and which comply with Section 790.06, Florida Statutes, and shall apply only to those weapons listed on the application as amended pursuant to Section 10 herein.

SECTION 8. TERM OF LICENSE.

Licenses issued by the Board of County Commissioners pursuant to this Ordinance shall be valid for no longer than two (2) years.

SECTION 9. NOTIFICATION OF ACTION.

The Board of County Commissioners shall cause notice to be sent to each applicant indicating the Board's action on the application.

SECTION 10. LICENSE FORM.

Any license issued under this Ordinance shall:

- A. Have a photograph of the licensee attached to or made a part of the license form;
- B. Specify the caliber, make, model, and serial number or other identifying characteristics or marking of the weapons licensed pursuant to this Ordinance;
 - C. Specify the date of expiration;
- D. Be signed by the Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners or his deputy; and
- E. Any persons licensed under this Ordinance may at any time seek an amendment to his or her license to include or substitute weapons from the license. Said amendment shall not require approval or review by the

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informing him/her of said suspension and the grounds therefor.

SECTION 12. LICENSE REVOCATION.

Any license issued under this Ordinance may be revoked by the Board of County Commissioners upon a determination that:

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Ordinance shall be automatically suspended without Board of County

Commissioners' action if an indictment or information has been duly

filed against a licensee with respect to a violation of Section 790.07,

Florida Statutes, or a felony under the Laws of the State of Florida or

any other State or of the United States of America. Notice of

suspension shall be sent by first class and certified mail, postage

prepaid, to the licensee within fifteen (15) days of any suspension

SECTION 11. LICENSE SUSPENSION. Any license issued under this

- A. A licensee has pled guilty or nolo contendere, or been convicted or found guilty of a violation of Section 790.07, Florida Statutes, or a felony under the Laws of the State of Florida or any other State or of the United States of America, whether or not adjudication was withheld.
- B. A licensee has misrepresented or concealed fact(s) on his or her application which are material to the criteria set forth in this Ordinance; or
- C. A licensee has engaged in conduct in the time period following his last application, which would otherwise warrant a denial or revocation under the terms of this Ordinance.
- D. The licensee shall be afforded a hearing before the Board of County Commissioners before revocation of the license with at least fifteen (15) days prior written notice of said hearing.
- E. The Board of County Commissioners of Palm Beach County has reason to believe that a licensee has engaged in conduct in the time period following his last application, which would have warranted a denial under the terms of this Ordinance had said information been in evidence at the time of consideration of the application.

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Notice shall be sent by first class and certified mail, postage prepaid, to the licensee within fifteen (15) days of any revocation informing him/her of said revocation and the grounds therefore.

SECTION 13. STATUTORY EXCEPTIONS This Ordinance shall not apply in those instances which are specifically excepted by Florida Statutes.

SECTION 14. CONSTRUCTION.

This Ordinance shall be construed liberally to carry out the declaration of policy herein and in favor of the constitutional right to keep and bear arms for lawful purposes.

SECTION 15. REPEAL OF LAWS IN CONFLICT.

Any laws or ordinances in conflict with this Ordinance which Palm Beach County can repeal are hereby repealed.

SECTION 16. INCLUSION IN CODE.

The provisions of this Ordinance shall become and be made a part of the Codes of Laws and Ordinances of Palm Beach County, Florida. The sections of this Ordinance may be renumbered or relettered to accomplish such; the word "Ordinance" may be changed to "Section," "Article" or other appropriate word.

SECTION 17. SEVERABILITY.

If any section, paragraph, sentence, clause, phrase or word of this Ordinance is for any reason held or declared to be unconstitutional, inoperative or void, such holdings shall not affect the remainder of this Ordinance.

SECTION 18. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This Ordinance shall become effective upon receipt of acknowledgement by the Secretary of State of the State of Florida.

SECTION 19. APPLICABILITY.

This Ordinance shall be applicable in the entire unincorporated area of Palm Beach County and the incorporated area of Palm Beach County to the extent permissible by Article 8, Section 1 (f) of the Florida Constitution.

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1	APPROVED and ADOPTED by the Board of County Commissioners of Palm
2	Beach County, Florida, this lst day of November, 1983.
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4	ATTEST: PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, BY ITS BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
5	JOHN B. DUNKLE, Clerk
6	By: Mrs. Sorie Climen By: January Chairman
7 .	Deputy Clerk Chairman Acknowledged by the Department of State of the State of Florida, on
8	this 9th day of November , 1983.
9	EFFECTIVE DATE: Acknowledgement from the Department of State
10	received on the 14th day of November , 1983, at 4:04 P.m.,
11	and filed in the office of the Clerk of the Board of County
12	Commissioners of Palm Beach County, Florida.
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14	Have you, within the last ten (10) years, made an application for or possessed a license or permit issued by the police and/or Sheriff's Department. If yes, give type year and license number.		
15	Within the past five (5) years, were you ever summoned, arrested, or indicted for any crime or offense (other than a traffic offense) in any jurisdiction, federal, state, or local? If yes, list the following information: date, charge(s), disposition, court and date, police agency. Include any arrests for Driving while under the Influence (DWI) and/or Unlawful Blood Alcohol (UBA).		
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